



## **THE COMMANDANT'S STANDING ORDERS**

### **LEADERS**

United States Naval Academy graduates are the future leaders of the Fleet. Throughout its existence, the Naval Academy has always produced exceptionally trained and highly motivated leaders to serve our nation during times of war and in times of peace. At the very foundation of our institutional spirit is the requirement to provide Navy and Marine Corps officers who can capably lead our Nation's maritime security efforts both near the Homeland and abroad. We must continue to develop morally, mentally, and physically strong officers that can promote security and prosperity in any future conflict or global condition. **Leadership; it is absolutely at the core of our existence.**

### **FAMILY**

We have all accepted the challenge to serve our Nation and put country and humanity before self. As a member of the Brigade or supporter that regularly interacts with the Brigade of Midshipmen, you are part of a very special family, the Naval Academy Family. At this tremendous institution, we maintain an undeniable trust and commitment to cultivate, mentor and care for our impressive young men and women. **These future leaders are a positive reflection of our country's diverse social make-up and we always attempt to fully honor and optimize the value they bring to our team.**

### **MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Mission accomplishment demands the promise of true dedication and selfless leadership. It does not represent only a promise to your Nation. It includes a promise to the Navy and Marine Corps, a promise to the Brigade, and a promise to self, to always live by the highest ideals of Duty, Honor, and Loyalty. As an institution and part of your Family, it is our promise to provide you with all the proper tools to succeed and maintain an atmosphere committed to learning and innovative thought. **We must be successful in developing future leaders that can execute the mission and excel in an unpredictable and rapidly changing global environment.**

## RESPECT

To truly lead our Sailors and Marines of the Fleet, we must demand that you “Do the Right Thing”. The right thing is not always written in a rule book or detailed instruction, but instead comes from within. This core capability cannot waiver and is a requirement of all team members to achieve mission success and operational effectiveness. **Treating all people with dignity and respect and having the honor and courage to pick the correct path, regardless of the consequences, is vital to our existence.**

## PATRIOTISM

The United States Naval Academy has proved, since its inception in 1845, that it can maintain the steady core of professional leadership and academic brilliance that is required of Navy and Marine Corps officers. To sustain this capacity, however, we must always be willing to put our Nation first in all matters. A true patriot is not someone who needs the parades, bands, and big crowds to be inspired. Patriotism, is instead, defined by the man or woman who can find inner strength and personal honor in doing what is right when no one is around. We are tested and learning every day. **I ask you to fully immerse yourself in this patriotic standard and enter the Fleet with the spirit and drive that only Naval Academy graduates can possess.**

MORALLY, MENTALLY, AND PHYSICALLY STRONG!

  
Captain Matt Klunder  
83<sup>rd</sup> Commandant of Midshipmen